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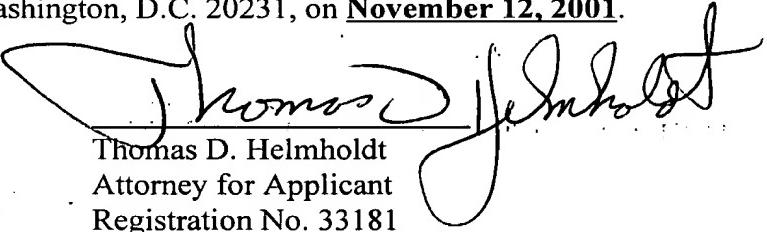
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The Office Action dated October 10, 2001 has been received and carefully reviewed. Please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

In the claims:

44. (Amended) A ball nut having at least one internal bearing race with a first end and a second end, and at least one recirculating crossover passage for connecting the first end with the second end to form a continuous recirculating path for a plurality of ball bearings, comprising:

a first stamped part with a first portion of a groove and a first portion of a crossover passage in a first face of a first flange region from a flat metal strip for receiving a plurality of ball bearings;

a second stamped part with a second portion of the groove and a second portion of the crossover passage in a second face of a second flange region in the flat